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RE: BLM Vernal Field Office November 2016 Oil and Gas Lease Records Search

For future correspondence, please reference Case No. 16-0662

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Utah State Historic Preservation Office received your request for our comment on the above-referenced undertaking on August 25, 2016. We concur with your determination of effect for this undertaking.

We appreciate the thorough review of previous archaeological inventory and site location data, and how it informs the BLM's determination of effect. Given recent discoveries from past actions, it is imperative that the BLM be diligent in their monitoring of any wells, roads or pipelines that ultimately result from these lease parcels.

This letter serves as our comment on the determinations you have made, within the consultation process specified in §36CFR800.4. If you have questions, please contact me at 801-245-7263 or by email at cmerritt@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

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